

# ERIC SWANSON

as

# Miss Bouvée

**ARTIST • ACTIVIST**  
20 YEARS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



**AS AN ACTOR AND ARTIST,** Eric Swanson has been seen in regional productions of "La Cage Aux Folles" (Albin), "Hairspray" (Edna Turnblad), "Hair" (Margaret Mead), "Chicago" (Mary Sunshine) and "Simply Gershwin" with over 400 performances as leading man Frank.

He is a fierce advocate for the arts and arts education having completed his bachelors in Music Education from Adrian College (2007). He is the former Choral Director of Middle and Upper Schools (2007-2012) at the prestigious Roper School located in Birmingham, Michigan. From 2011-2021 he held the position of co-founder and Executive Director for The Detroit Actor's Theatre Company. He holds two national directorial credits with his direction of "Pray The Gay Away" (2019) and "Golden Girls, The Laughs Continue" (2022-currently touring), both produced by acclaimed producers Murray and Peter Present.

Miss Bouvée debuted in March 2020 and is the live-singing drag persona of Eric Swanson. As Miss Bouvée, she has charmed audiences in self produced sold out productions like her annual murder mysteries "Minnie Behind Bars" and "Minnie's Merry Murder Christmas" and an original musical comedy "Double Trouble". Miss Bouvée travels the high seas with LGBTQIA+ groups like Adventure Bears, Island City Travel, and the national brand OutBound (GayCities Best Travel Group 2024). She has collaborated with cruise lines like Azamara, Norwegian, Royal Caribbean, Princess, and Celebrity Cruise Lines.

Miss Bouvée continues her arts and advocacy for underserved communities in Florida. She was vehemently opposed to SB1438 which banned public performances of drag and trans artists in the state of Florida. Her voice rose to national media attention when Out/Advocate magazine (June 2024) did a full feature on her which told the story

of the struggle of working full time in the state of Florida as a drag performer.

In August 2023, Miss Bouvée starred in the indie drag horror comedy and full feature film "Big Easy Queens" which premiered at Popcorn Frights in Fort Lauderdale. Filmed entirely in the state of Florida during the infamous SB1438 drag ban, the film went on to win nearly a dozen awards including Best Actor for Eric Swanson as Miss Bouvée (Berlin Indie Film Festival), and played at over 40 festivals around the world.

In 2024 Bouvée was named Out South Florida's (OutSFL) "Best Local Celebrity", "Best Actor" and holds the title of "Best Themed Night on Wilton Drive; ShowTunes Tuesday" which she has led for 3 years and counting! Eric Swanson is a resident of Fort Lauderdale and performs as Miss Bouvée full time.





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## PRESS

Meet Eric Swanson  
- Pridesource

### NATIONAL THEATRICAL DIRECTING CREDITS

Pray the Gay Away 2019  
Golden Girls, the Laughs Continue, 2022-Present

### PRAY THE GAY AWAY PRESS

Gay and Here to Stay - [Broward Palm Beach Press](#)  
Wear that Pride Flag - [Minnesota Press](#)

### GOLDEN GIRLS PRESS

[GOLDENGIRLSTOUR.COM](http://GOLDENGIRLSTOUR.COM)

Press release - [Standard](#)

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## RAVES FOR ERIC

"And then there's Eric Swanson as Edna Turnblad; in a performance that steals every scene he's in. Whether he's in the Turnblad home ironing clothes and kvetching about one thing or another while outfitted in housedress and slippers, or emerging from a giant hairspray can in a glorious red dress, he's simply brilliant as Edna."

- [Lenawee, Michigan](#)

"What this show is, thanks to Director Eric Swanson, is a fast paced, laugh-a-minute, campy romp that has audiences in stitches from opening to closing curtains."

- Lavender Magazine, Minneapolis , Pray The Gay Away

"The uproarious production directed with dizzy genius by Eric Swanson heretically mines comedy gold."

- Pridesource, Detroit , Pray the Gay Away

"I absolutely adored Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue directed by Eric Swanson, now playing at Broadway Playhouse. Having grown up in Miami, Florida with my working single mom when the show actually began airing, the Golden Girls have always been a nostalgic favorite for me."

- [BuzzNews](#)

"Golden Girls, the Laughs Continue is a fresh take on the iconic sitcom!"

- [Georgia Straight](#)

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## ARTICLES OF ACTIVISM

### NATIONAL

[The Advocate](#)  
[Miss Bouvée has something to say about Florida Drag Bans](#)

### REGIONAL

[Drag is Not A Crime](#)  
[Oh, Florida man](#)  
[Pride is a Protest Too!](#)  
[Long Live the Queens](#)



### DEMO REELS

[Big, Bawdy, Bouvée](#)    [All-Request Show](#)

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Meet Miss Bouvée  
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Miss Bouvée is Ready for Her Close Up  
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### SELECT EDITORIALS:

[Queerly Yours South Florida](#)  
[Behind the Curtain of Shows](#)  
[Birthday Reflections](#)

### COVERS:

[OutClique February 2021](#)  
[OutClique May 2022](#)  
[Q Magazine June 2022](#)  
[OutClique October 2023](#)  
[Q Magazine November 2023](#)



[BIGEASYQUEENS.COM](http://BIGEASYQUEENS.COM)



### BIG EASY QUEENS

80% Rotten Tomatoes  
"A gumbo of a good time"  
[Daily Dead](#)  
"Bold, Brassy, and a fun horror romp"  
[MovieWeb](#)  
Cover Feature  
[OutClique October 2023](#)

### SELECT AWARDS

BEST MAKE-UP  
Toronto Independent Film Festival  
BEST SOUNDTRACK  
Venice Independent Film Festival  
BEST ACTOR (ERIC SWANSON)  
Berlin Independent Film Festival  
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY  
Depth of Field, New Haven  
BEST FEATURE  
Queer Film Festival